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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James R. Albritton  
Serial No.: 09/074,496  
Filing Date: May 7, 1998  
Group Art Unit: 3629  
Examiner: Buck, B.  
Title: BREAKAWAY SUPPORT POST FOR HIGHWAY GUARDRAIL END TREATMENTS

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of  
Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF  
INTERFERENCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.607

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as set forth herein and that an interference be declared between the above-identified application and United States Patent 5,988,598 to Sicking et al., issued on November 23, 1999 ("the '598 patent").

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